

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 through 36 and replace them with the new claims 37 through 120 as provided in the attached Appendix 4.

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment in the subject CPA (continuing prosecution application). In the outstanding official action in the parent application dated June 12, 2002, the oath/declaration of the inventors was objected to because one of the inventors, Mr. Lee, did not execute it. In view of the above claim amendments, Mr. Lee is not an inventor of the present claims. Accordingly, a request to amend the inventorship is submitted concurrently herewith along with the required petition fee.

The title suggested by the Examiner has been adopted by the above amendments.

In the Office Action, there are various obviousness type double patenting rejections over U.S. Patent No. 6,106,125 (attorney docket D-7070), the grandparent of the present application, and pending patent application Serial No. 09/642,315 (attorney docket 00-8591), the parent patent application hereof. Without making any admissions and solely for the purpose of moving this prosecution forward, two (2) terminal disclaimers and the appropriate fees under 37 CFR § 1.20(d) are enclosed.

Claims 22 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 12, second paragraph, as indefinite on the grounds that the claim phrase "means for connecting" lacks antecedent basis. The above amendments provide claims with antecedent basis. The claims have been amended to put them in

better form for issuance. Claims 1 through 36 have been canceled and new claims 37 through 120 have been added as listed below in Appendix 4.

In the Office Action, there were several formal matters raised. First, the drawings have been amended as shown in red (on the copy of Figure 6 submitted herewith) to change reference numerals 80 and 82 to 180 and 182, respectively, for the key and fill lights, and corresponding changes have been made to the specification to remove duplicate numbering.

Second, formal drawings are enclosed incorporating the changes in Figure 6.

Third, the specification and abstract have been amended to insure consistent use of terminology as raised by the Patent Examiner in the Office Action. The revised paragraphs are set forth below in Appendix 3, and the revised Abstract is set forth below in Appendix 1. No new matter has been added by any of the foregoing amendments.

Fourth, references were cited in a corresponding foreign application and additional references are submitted herewith by means of an Information Disclosure Statement and Citation. All references are listed on the attached PTO Form PTO/SB/42. The appropriate fee pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

Fifth, the inventive entity has been amended to remove Robert E. Lee, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.48(b), due to the above amendments. A request pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.48(b) and the required petition fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(b) are enclosed.

The statements and amendments made herein with respect to the outstanding claims are not intended to reflect any position with regard to the original claims whether or not cancelled herein.

Applicant expressly reserves all rights to challenge, during the prosecution of any subsequent related application, the Examiner's grounds for restriction or rejection of any such claims.

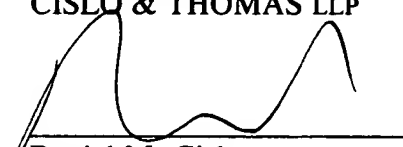
In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested. If any issues remain which can be resolved by a supplemental response or an examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

It is not believed that any additional fees are due; however, in the event any additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's attorneys' deposit account no. 03-2030.

Respectfully submitted,

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